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therefore, set to expire on July 15, 2000, a Saturday on which the U.S. Patent Office was not open. This response is being filed on the first business day on which the Patent Office is open after that date; and therefore, the filing of this Amendment is being done within the extension period.

In response to the Official Action dated March 15, 2000, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 follows:

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1. (Four Times Amended) Apparatus for providing scheduling at [on] one time of a plurality of tasks of more than one application among processes in more than one computing node, each node having a plurality of local processes, comprising:

scheduler means for dynamically creating a prioritized schedule of said plurality of tasks of said more than one application to allow execution of tasks of more than one application at the same time; and